

REMARKS

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's kind assistance in the telephonic interview in which claim 28 was agreed upon is greatly appreciated.

Claims 9 and 11-27 have been canceled, subject to the filing of a divisional patent application.

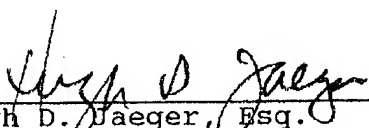
New claims 28-42 are presented to reduce the issues under consideration and are considered allowable. Basis for the new dependent claims 29-42 may be found in the specification, as well as in earlier presented dependent claims being canceled by this amendment. No new matter has been added.

If there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this patent application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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